



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Workforce and Caregiver Work Group

Date: August 13, 2007, conference call

Attending: Darby Anderson, Elizabeth Essex, David Lindeman (Chair), Robin Morgan (Department Staff), Jan Cichowlas (New Department Committee Staff), Cathi Sipes, Jeremy Schroeder, Sarah Stein, Martha Holstein, Donna Copeland Hill, and Betsy Creamer.

Discussion Summary:

- Robin announced that Jan Cichowlas has joined the Division of Planning, Research and Development at the Department and will be taking over the Department staff responsibilities of the Workforce/Caregiver committee as of this month. Jan will be available to work with the committee to help move some of its goals and objectives forward. Jan is located in the Chicago office and can be reached at janice.cichowlas@illinois.gov
- A discussion on the effect of the minimum wage increase on homemaker agencies and home care aides was had. Darby presented a rate structure wage increase through 2011 to reflect upcoming changes in the minimum wage.
- The committee reviewed the workgroup objectives and made language changes as appropriate. David will send out the changes for all members to review prior to final approval and submission.
- There were no updates on the surveys at this time.

Next Steps:

- David will write up the changes in language for the goals recommended by the committee and send them out to everyone.
- When a budget is passed, Department staff will notify members of the amount of dollars available for caregiving initiatives in the flexible senior services line item.
- The members decided to change the October and November meeting dates to accommodate the State holidays. See below for dates.

Meeting Schedule:

This committee meets via conference call on the second Monday of the month from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Future meeting dates are:

- September 10 (prior to the full OASAC meeting – Time to be announced)
- October 15 (Rescheduled due to state holiday on Oct. 8)
- November 19 (Rescheduled due to state holiday on Nov. 12)